



TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SEASONAL AND TEMPORARY CLOSURES

MONO AND INYO COUNTIES— The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has updates on the following road, pass and rest areas:

Temporary closures:

- State Route 270 (Bodie Road) remains closed due to snow.

Seasonal (winter) closures will be reevaluated for reopening in the Spring:

- State Route 89 (Monitor Pass) is closed for the winter season at U.S. Hwy 395.
- State Route 108 (Sonora Pass) is closed for the winter season just west of U.S.M.C Cold Weather Training Center, approximately 6 miles west of the junction at U.S. Hwy 395.
- State Route 120W (Tioga Pass) is closed for the winter season.
- State Route 120E (Mono Mills) is closed for the winter season from Benton Crossing to Mono Mills.
- State Route 158N (June Lake) is closed for the winter season from 3.5 miles north of June Lake Village to the north junction at U.S. Hwy 395.
- State Route 168W (Bishop Creek) is closed for the winter season above Aspendell.
- State Route 203 from Mammoth Mountain Inn to the Mono/Madera County Line is closed for the winter season.
- Crestview Rest Area is closed for the winter season.

Several factors weigh in to influence the temporary closing, opening and seasonal closures of our pass roadways. Storms, accumulation of snow, and road conditions are all considered in the decision-making process by Caltrans leadership. In the case of SR-120, Yosemite National Park leadership confers with Caltrans to coordinate closure of park entrance gates as well as Caltrans gates. For the safety of motorists and Caltrans crews, continual updating of these passes will be assessed until the seasonal closure of each is decided.



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Caltrans reminds drivers to carry chains and to be prepared for winter driving conditions. Caltrans recommends carrying blankets, water, food, a shovel, gloves, a flashlight, and sand or kitty litter to provide traction in case your vehicle becomes stuck. The traveling public is advised to drastically slow down and proceed with caution.

CHAIN REQUIREMENTS

California law (Vehicle Code Section 27460) requires that all vehicles must carry chains when in chain control areas.

- Requirement 1 (R1): Chains are required on all vehicles except passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks under 6,000 pounds gross weight and equipped with snow tires on at least two drive wheels. All vehicles towing trailers must have chains on one drive axle. Trailers with brakes must have chains on at least one axle.
- Requirement 2 (R2): Chains or traction devices are required on all vehicles except four wheel/ all-wheel drive vehicles with snow-tread tires on all four wheels.
- Requirement 3 (R3): Chains or traction devices are required on all vehicles, no exceptions.

For the latest road condition information, visit the Caltrans QuickMap site also available online and for mobile phones at quickmap.dot.ca.gov or call the Caltrans Road Condition Hotline at 1-800-427-ROAD (7623). Changeable Message Signs with flashing beacons will have information regarding the pass closures visible along the highways.

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For the safety of workers and other motorists, please Be Work Zone Alert.

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